[19th September 1958

" The Hindu " Office and the National Press Employees Union Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society, Ltd.

* 350-A *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society was registered by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras on 19th February 1958 for the benefit of " The Hindu " Office staff and the National Press Employees' Union members;

(*b*) whether any difficulties regarding the functioning of this Society have come to the notice of the Government; and

(*c*) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to remove them?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Hindu Office and the National Press Employees Union Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd., was registered on 19th February 1958.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Co-operative Society requested the management of the " The Hindu " to give its consent to deduct from the monthly salaries of the staff the amounts due to the society on account of loans issued to them. But it is reported that the management has not so far agreed to do so.

According to the recently introduced section 28 of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, every employer is requested to deduct from the salary of his staff the amounts due to Co-operative Societies on receipt of a requisition in writing for the deduction of the dues. This section leaves the management no option in the matter.

Iron and steel for Small Scale Industries

* 350-B *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the actual requirements of iron and steel for purposes of the Small Scale Industries in the State;

(*b*) the quantity allotted by the Union during 1957–58; and

(*c*) whether the quota has been increased for the current year?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The quantity of iron and steel required by the Small Scale Industries quota for which demands were furnished to the Government of India during the year 1957–58 is as follows :—

I. Quarter 1957–58	Not furnished to the Government of India for want of sufficient time.